PTO/SB/08A (10-01)
Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

| Under the                         | Paperwo Reduction A | ct of 199            | 5, no persons are re- | quired to respond to a collection of inform | nation unless it contains a valid OMB control number. |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE            |                     |                      |                       | Complete if Known                           |   |  |  |
|                                   |                     |                      | OSLIDE                | Application Number                          | 10/525,950  |  |  |
|                                   |                     |                      |                       | Filing Date                                 | February 28, 2005                                     |  |  |
| STATEMENT BY APPLICANT            |                     | First Named Inventor | Errikos PITSOS        |   |   |  |  |
| (use as many sheets as necessary) |                     |                      | (יכינו                | Art Unit                                    | 2153  |  |  |
|                                   |                     |                      |                       | Examiner Name                               | Not Yet Assigned /Barak Nissa                         |  |  |
| Sheet                             | 1                   | of                   | 1                     | Attorney Docket Number                      | 741439-21   |  |  |

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |  |                             |  |   |
|-----------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner<br>Initials  | Cite<br>No.1 | U.S. Parent Document  Number - Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if Inown) | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|                       |              |  |                             |  |   |
|                       | ┼            |  |                             |  |   |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Examiner<br>Initials                    | Cite<br>No.  | Foreign Patera Document  Kind Code <sup>5</sup>  | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY          | Name of Patentee or<br>Application of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear | T*             |
|---|--------------|--|---|--|---|----------------|
|   |              | Country Code' Number (if known)  | 1                                       | "  |   |                |
|   |              | JP Unexamined Patent   | May 29, 1998                            | HITACHI LTD  |   |                |
| /B.N./                                  |              | Publication No. 10-  |   |  | 1   |                |
|   |              | 145352   |   |  |   |                |
|   |              |  |   |  | -   |                |
|   |              | OTHER PRIOR  | ART – NON PATENT L                      | ITERATURE DOCUMENTS                                  |   |                |
| Examiner<br>Initials                    | Cite<br>No.1 | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(d), volume-issue number(s), publisher, etc in addre country where published. |   |  |   | T <sup>2</sup> |
|   |              | Japanese Office Action dated November 14, 2006 for Japanese Patent Application No.   |   |  |   |                |
| *************************************** |              | 2004-332100  | *************************************** | ***************************************              | ***************************************   |                |
|   |              |  | -                                       |  |   |                |
|   |              |  |   |  |   |                |
|   |              |  |   |  |   | 1              |
|   |              |  |   |  |   | <del> </del>   |
|   |              |  |   |  |   | 1              |
|   |              |  |   |  |   |                |
|   | 1            | I  |   |  |   | 1              |

| Examiner<br>Signature | /Barak Nissan/ | Date<br>Considered 11/14/2007 |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Sec Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. <sup>2</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> for Japanese patent documents) with oridication of the year of the reign of the Emporen must preceded the serial number of the patent document. <sup>3</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>4</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Insuraes Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached